

James A. "Jim" Gray, age 75, of Ocala, Florida, and formerly of Trimont and Pelican Rapids, MN, and Westboro, WI, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

James "Jim" Albert Gray was born in Fairmont, Minnesota, and attended school in Trimont. After graduating from Trimont, he then graduated from the University of Minnesota, Moorhead with a degree in Education. Jim married his wife in 1973, and together they shared many meaningful years raising their two children, Benjamin and Rebecca on a hobby farm near Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, where they built a life rooted in family, hard work, and community.

In 2018, after retirement, Jim and Kris moved to Westboro, Wisconsin, to be closer to family, especially the grandchildren. The warmer weather then brought Jim and Kris to Ocala, Florida in 2023, where he spent his final years. Jim lived a full and adventurous life. He started work as a contractor, and in 1985, he became an addiction counselor in Northwestern Minnesota, a career that reflected his skill, patience, and dedication. He worked for many years as the Director of Rewind Center in Perham, Minnesota. Jim was very proud of his work and his 44 years of sobriety.

Most importantly, Jim was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was known for his strong work ethic, his willingness to help others, and his sense of humor. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, woodworking, and fixing or building just about anything. His love for sports, especially baseball, often had him playing or cheering on one of his favorite Minnesota teams.

He especially loved spending time with family - whether it was gatherings, working on projects together, or simply sharing stories. Jim was happiest when he was visiting with lifelong friends, talking politics, watching a baseball game, and being surrounded by the people he loved.

Jim is survived by his wife, Kristine; his son, Benjamin Gray; his daughter, Rebecca (Chris) Hebda; his grandson, Dante Axon; his granddaughter, Nialla Hebda; his sister, Janet Meyer; and many step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Albert Gray; his brother, Jerry Gray; nephew, John Gray; and other family and friends.

Today, we gather not only to mourn Jim's passing, but to celebrate his life - the life of a man who worked hard, loved deeply, and left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. May we carry forward Jim's kindness, his steady presence, and his love for family. Though he may be gone from our sight, he will forever remain in our hearts, and his laugh will always remain in our hearts and memory.



In Loving Memory

James "Jim" Gray

August 3, 1950 — January 21, 2026

Celebrating the Life of

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Celebration of Life

11:00 AM

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center - Trimont

Officiant

Pastor Larry Johnson

Order of Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Psalms 23

Congregational Hymn, *Beautiful Savior*

Eulogies

Congregational Hymn, *How Great Thou Art*

John 14: 1-3

Pastoral Reflection

The Lord's Prayer

Poem

Benediction

Recorded Music, *On Eagle's Wings*

Final Resting Place

First Lutheran Cemetery

Rural Trimont, MN

I give you this one thought to keep.

I am with you still, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on the snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush...

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone -

I am with you still, in each new dawn.

If you would like to leave a message of sympathy for Jim's family or view his service and tribute video you can do so by following this QR code or visiting www.sinnfuneralhome.com.

